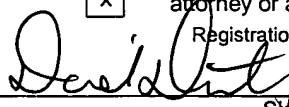




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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b><br><b>FY 2005</b><br>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)  |   | Docket Number (Optional)<br>108298529US |                         |
| Application Number 09/644,371-Conf. #1295   |   | Filed August 23, 2000                   |                         |
| For APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OBSERVING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES  |   |   |                         |
| Art Unit 3727   |   | Examiner J. C. Merek                    |                         |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.<br>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): |   |   |                         |
|   |   | <u>Fee</u>                              | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))   | \$120                                   | \$ 120.00               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  | \$450                                   | \$                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))  | \$1020                                  | \$                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))   | \$2160                                  | \$                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |   |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.   |   |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0665. |   |                         |
| I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.   |   |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.<br>Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).   |   |   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____   |   |   |                         |
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|    |   | October 31, 2005                        |                         |
| Signature   |   | Date                                    |                         |
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| Typed or printed name   |   | Telephone Number                        |                         |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.   |   |   |                         |
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